the Tea Board, Coffee Board and Rubber Board under the Ministry of Commerce is providing assistance for the development of plantation crops like tea, coffee and rubber.

(c) Annual Production targets for most of the horticultural crops are not being fixed. However, the estimated production targets of tea, coffee and rubber for the year 2001-2002 is 875,300 and 643 million kilograms respectively.

Planning for natural disaster

1373. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the earthquake and cyclone prone areas in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether Government have made/are making long-term planning to face such natural disasters; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Institutional arrangements exist for natural disaster management at the National, State and District levels. The mechanism for financing of relief expenditure is governed by the recommendations of Finance Commissions appointed quinquennially. Disaster mitigation measures are reviewed from time to time keeping in view the nature, intensity and impact of the natural disasters.

Rise and decline in production of agricultural products

†1374. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of agricultural products came down during 2000-2001, in comparison to 1999-2000;

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